

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2001 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-11-2001

Chapter No. _____

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Gourdine

Introduced by _____

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction _____

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Compensation for Condemned Structures

3 For the purpose of establishing a fund to compensate the owners of structures that are
 4 condemned by the County due to the failure of subsurface soils.

5 BY adding:

6 SUBTITLE 10. FINANCING AND TAXATION.

7 Sections 10-283, 10-284, and 10-285,

8 The Prince George's County Code

9 (1999 Edition, 2000 Supplement).

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
 11 Maryland, that Sections 10-283, 10-284, and 10-285 of the Prince George's County Code be and
 12 the same are hereby added:

13 SUBTITLE 10. FINANCE AND TAXATION.

14 **DIVISION 16. CONDEMNED HOUSING COMPENSATION FUND.**

15 **Sec. 10-283. Establishment of Condemned Housing Compensation Fund.**

16 (a) There is hereby established the Condemned Housing Compensation Fund for the
 17 purpose of providing financial assistance to eligible owner-occupants of single-family residential
 18 structures for the purchase of single-family residential properties that have been condemned by
 19 the County due to the failure or movement of unsuitable subsurface soils. All funds made
 20 available for the purposes of this Division shall constitute a special fund of the County and all
 21 such funds shall be paid into or out of or otherwise expended from such special fund.

(b) Commencing with the submission of the Fiscal Year 2001-2002 County expense and capital budgets, and on at least an annual basis thereafter, the County Executive shall recommend to the County Council for approval, a proposed method of financing the Fund, taking into account all appropriate alternative methods of financing the fund, including the following methods:

(1) The issuance of general obligation bonds;

(2) The use of funds from current expense budget appropriations; or

(3) The use of funds derived from Federal or State grants made available to the County for financing the purchase of condemned structures.

Sec. 10-284. Eligibility requirements for the purchase of condemned property.

(a) In addition to such requirements and conditions as are established under the regulations required to be prepared and approved under Section 10-285, no purchase authorized herein shall be made unless:

(1) The subject property is improved by a single-family residential structure;

(2) The Director of the Department of Environmental Resources has issued a written order condemning the subject property as unsafe for human habitation due to the failure or movement of unstable subsurface soils;

(3) The subject property was occupied by the owner immediately prior to the property being condemned as unfit for human habitation; and

(4) Funds have been appropriated to the Fund in an amount sufficient to purchase the subject property.

Sec. 10-285. Administration and regulations.

(a) The County Executive is hereby empowered and authorized to purchase condemned property under the provisions of this Division and the approved regulations.

(b) All purchases of condemned property made by the County Executive for the purposes set forth under this Division shall be made out of the Condemned Housing Compensation Fund only.

(c) Prior to the purchase of any condemned property hereunder the County Executive shall prepare proposed regulations governing the administration of the Fund and the purchase of condemned property therefrom, and shall forward such proposed regulations to the County

1 Council for approval by resolution. Any subsequent amendments to the approved regulations
2 shall be initiated and approved in the same manner.

3 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five
4 (45) calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2001.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Ronald V. Russell
Chairman

ATTEST:

Joyce T. Sweeney
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Wayne K. Curry
County Executive

KEY:
Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.